



General Assembly

***Raised Bill No. 204***

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***AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October 1,  
2       2006, the Department of Education shall (1) develop guidelines for  
3       addressing the physical, mental, social and emotional health needs of  
4       students in a comprehensive manner that coordinates services, and (2)  
5       make available to each local and regional board of education a copy of  
6       the guidelines. The department shall develop the guidelines after  
7       consultation with (A) the chairpersons and ranking members of (i) the  
8       joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
9       of matters relating to education, and (ii) the select committee of the  
10      General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
11      and (B) at least one state-wide nonprofit organization with expertise in  
12      child wellness or physical exercise. The guidelines shall not be deemed  
13      to be regulations, as defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes.  
14      Local and regional boards of education shall establish and implement  
15      plans based on the guidelines in accordance with subsection (c) of this  
16      section.

17      (b) The guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Plans  
18      for engaging students in daily physical exercise during regular school  
19      hours and strategies for engaging students in daily physical exercise

20 before and after regular school hours, (2) strategies for coordinating  
 21 school-based health education, programs and services, (3) procedures  
 22 for assessing the need for community-based services such as services  
 23 provided by school-based health clinics, family resource centers, after-  
 24 school programs and community mental health centers, and (4)  
 25 procedures for maximizing monetary and other resources from local,  
 26 state and federal sources to address the physical, mental, social and  
 27 emotional health needs of students.

28 (c) Not later than July 1, 2007, each local and regional board of  
 29 education shall (1) establish a comprehensive and coordinated plan to  
 30 address the physical, mental, social and emotional health needs of  
 31 students, (2) base its plan on the guidelines developed pursuant to  
 32 subsection (a) of this section, and (3) submit the plan to the  
 33 Department of Education for review and approval. After the  
 34 department approves the plan, the board shall implement the plan and  
 35 update and resubmit the plan to the department for renewal not later  
 36 than three years after the date the plan was initially approved, or every  
 37 three years thereafter, as the case may be.

38 (d) The Department of Education shall, within available  
 39 appropriations, assist local and regional boards of education in the  
 40 development, implementation and renewal of plans required under  
 41 subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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